LPG dealership in Meghalaya

1803. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of LPG agencies functioning in the State of Meghalaya at present; and

(b) the details of proposals chalked out by Government to set up more LPG dealership in the State during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) At present, 27 LPG distributorships of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) are operating in the State of Meghalaya.

(b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies have plans to set up 6 new LPG distributorships in the State of Meghalaya under various Marketing Plans. The selection is made in a phased manner and it may not be possible at this stage to indicate the exact number of allotments for LPG distributorships during 2001-2002 in the State.

New Petrol Pumps / Gas Agencies in Meghalaya

1804. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of petrol pump and gas agencies in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) As on 1.4.2001, there were 57 retail outlet dealerships and 27 LPG distributorships in operation, in the State of Meghalaya.

Regular surveys are conducted for identifying locations in the States/ Union Territories, including Meghalaya, for setting up retail outlet dealerships/ LPG distributorships. The viable locations are included in the Marketing Plans.